

Grant County Board of Supervisors

March 19, 2013

The Grant County Board of Supervisors met on Tuesday, March 19, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 264 on second floor of the Administration Building, Lancaster, WI pursuant to the adjournment of the February 19, 2013 meeting.

Chair Larry Wolf called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Verification of compliance with the open meeting law was a notice in the Herald Independent stating the date, time and place of the County Board Meeting and posted in two public posting locations and the county website verified by Linda K. Gebhard, County Clerk.

INSERT #1: ROLL CALL, March 19, 2013

	Present	Absent	Excused
1. Carol Beals	X		
2. John Beinborn	X		
3. Roger Guthrie	X		
4. Dale Hood			X
5. Lester Jantzen	X		
6. Robert Keeney	X		
7. Vern Lewison	X		
8. Vincent Loeffelholz	X		
9. Grant Loy	X		
10. Dwight Nelson	X		
11. John Patcle	X		
12. Gary Ranum	X		
13. Robert Scallon	X		
14. Patrick Schroeder	X		
15. Donald Splinter	X		
16. Mark Stead	X		
17. Larry Wolf	X		

The Clerk took the roll call resulting in 16 present; Dale Hood had asked to be excused, he would be coming late to the meeting. Therefore a quorum was present. Dale Hood came at 10:30 a.m. for the rest of the meeting.

Agenda: Vince Loeffelholz, seconded by Dwight Nelson, made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Minutes: Vern Lewison, seconded by Gary Ranum, made a motion to approve the minutes of February 19, 2013 with corrections. Motion carried.

Communications: Larry Wolf, Chair presented the Departmental Reports to the County Board of Supervisors with a thank you to the County Clerk's office for compiling the booklets.

Appointments: None

Employee Recognition: Larry Wolf, Chair presented a Certificate of Recognition to Judy Roesch for her 24 years of service at Orchard Manor.

Grants: Amy Olson, Fair Secretary, ask for the following three grant application to be approved:

1. Dubuque Racing Association for \$5000.00 to help support summer event in June, no match to the County.
2. Roundtable of Grant County, Fresh Start Program (Youth Development Grant Application) \$2500.00 to help cover the cost of entertainment for the teens at the fair, no match to the County.
3. Community Foundation of Southwestern WI \$2000.00 to help offset the cost of fair premiums for exhibitors, no match to the County.

John Patcle, seconded by Grant Loy, made a motion to approve all three grant applications for the Fair. Motion carried.

Jack Johnson, Deputy Chief Sheriff, asked for two grant application approval. The first grant is from AAA for \$3,825.00 to be used for equipment for the patrol cars, no match to the County. The second grant is The State Sheriff's Association Combined Occupant Protection and Speed mini Grant. The purpose of this grant is to support smaller Sheriff's offices in developing new strategies to increase seatbelt compliance rates. The source of the grant is the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration—National Sheriff's Association. The funding period is for 04/01/2013 to 11/30/2013 for \$23,000.00 for seat belt information and education, no County match.

Robert Scallon, seconded by Lester Jantzen, made a motion to approve both of the grant applications for the Law Enforcement Department. Motion carried.

Grant County Animal Waste and Nutrient Utilization Ordinance: Lynda Schweikert, LLC Director reported the original Animal Storage Ordinance was written and passed in 1999 and has served well to protect the ground and surface waters of Grant County. This was approved by the Land and Water Committee and recommended to come to the full County Board for approval. The main reason for the review was to reassess the permitting process and fee schedules. The changes are as follows:

1. 37.09 2.) Revised the definition of Animal Waste Storage Facility. Removed the 30 day requirement and changed the minimum volume needing a permit from 3500 cuft to 7000 cuft
2. 37.09 4.) Updated Bedrock definition to match the current standards
3. 37.09 13.) Added Plan Developer definition to clarify who can develop the plans required by the ordinance
4. 37.09 14.) Updated Saturation definition to match the current standards
5. 37.10 2.) Removed the redundancy from the "Idle and/or Abandoned Storage Facility" to just "Idle"
6. 37.11 1.) a.) Added Technical Guide 360 (Closure of Waste Impoundments). Initially

this was included in Technical Guide 313(Waste Storage Facility) but has since been changed to a standalone standard.

7. 37.12 2.) Removed “leaking dikes and surface leaks” from the exemptions to a permit.
8. 37.13 Fee: We restructured the permit fee from a formula of \$1/\$1000 of estimated cost to a flat fee.
9. 37.13 Fee: We added a penalty of double the permit fee if a facility is built without a permit.
- 10.37.14 2.) Added stipulations to clarify what is required for a Nutrient Management Plan
- 11.37.14 3.) Added stipulations to clarify what is required for the Closure of an Animal Waste Storage Facility
- 12.37.16 4.) Added stipulations to clarify what is required when certifying completion of a project

Mark Stead, seconded by Roger Guthrie, made a motion to approve the changes to the Grant County Animal Waste and Nutrient Utilization Ordinance for Land and Water Conservation. Motion carried.

Discussion on Merging County’s Revolving Loan into Regional Revolving Loan: Ron Brisbois, Economic Development Resources Director, submitted the following Revolving Loan Program Option to the County Board of Supervisors. The State of Wisconsin Department of Commerce (WEDC) is seeking to consolidate the local CDBG Business Revolving Loan Funds that exist in Grant, Green, Iowa, Lafayette, and Richland Counties in Southwest Wisconsin into a regional loan fund. His office has been working on this process for awhile; this resolution is the first step that is needed to go forward with this process; to receive the approval of the Grant County Supervisors to agree to participate in forming this Regional Revolving Loan Fund. Three Counties must agree to this regional loan fund in order for it to go on, at this time Richland and Green have committed, the rest of the counties are reviewing the information. The following information was supplied by Ron to the County Board Members for their review.

These numbers are constantly changing. These are approximate totals that were given in early Jan. 2013

Total Regional Managed Assets: \$12,000,000  
Total Regional Cash-On Hand: \$5,000,000  
Total Regional monthly repayments: \$145,000

What would change with a Regional Program?

- Participating community loan repayments shall be re-deposited into the Consolidated Loan Fund account and used in a manner consistent with the policies/procedures manual set forth by the SWED Board
- Participating Communities shall disperse cash on hand to the Consolidated Loan Fund Account – those funds remain under the CDBG-RLF criteria until loaned out under the

consolidated loan program, which then the repayments become eligible for the additional loan programs

- The SWED Board shall have equal representation from each participating RLF community in the form of the Chief Elected Official or designee from each of the communities who concurrently serves on a loan review committee.
- The SWED Board shall manage the Consolidated Loan Fund. It will accept the CDBG funded RLF funds, assume the RLF loans and legal responsibilities from the local participating RLF communities in Southwest Wisconsin and act as the oversight board.
- The SWED Board will adopt and implement the Southwest Wisconsin Region Strategy and the manual
- The SWED Board shall have lending authority for the loan funds and shall delegate to local, and regional loan committees the authority to approve all loans which comply with the policies and procedures set forth for each loan program
- The SWED Board shall review and adjust internal policies to meet the needs of the Consolidated Loan Fund.
- The SWED Board shall review loan performance and activity reports
- The SWED Board shall enter into an administrative agreement with the WEDC for administration of the Consolidated Loan Fund
- The SWED Board shall select and enter into an agreement with the Program Administrator to manage the Consolidated Loan Fund
- The SWED Board shall approve all litigation costs and deficiency judgments.
- The SWED Board shall approve all collection actions including collateral foreclosure, repossession and legal actions
- The SWED Board shall approve any changes to investment policies involving unused funds. The Program Administrator shall be responsible for the unused funds being located in lending institutions within the region and in the most secured or collateralized investment possible per approved Board policies
- SWED Board may select an independent auditor to audit the fund annually. Audit report findings shall be made available to all RLF participants, electronic or otherwise

#### **Summary of changes at the local level**

- Municipality relieved of legal responsibility for RLF program
- Increased flexibility to fund business projects
  - New Loan Categories: micro loans (small start-ups), central business district reinvestment loans (building facades), capital investment loans (keeping the business and jobs already in the community), milk volume production loans
  - Removal of the Davis Bacon rule therefore could reduce project construction costs and encourage the use of local contractors
  - Flexibility with job creation

- Removal of the Low to Moderate Income requirement therefore creating the ability to assist with job creation of in all categories including higher paying skilled jobs
- Increase available fund capacity
- Consistency in loan program within the region
- Each participating RLF community shall recommend appointments from the local loan review committee to also serve on the regional loan committee.
- Loan applications above \$125,000 are reviewed by local RLF committee with a recommendation to the Regional Review Committee for final decision
- Reduce administrative burdens and streamline management
  - Reduced time commitment for municipal employees related to RLF program since the regional entity shall be responsible for the day-to-day administration of the portfolio, including establishment and maintenance of recordkeeping and tickler file systems, preparing and submitting progress reports, collecting and analyzing financial statements, and monitoring repayments, collections, collateral foreclosure, repossession and legal actions
  - Reduced municipal meeting expenses related to the RLF program

#### What would remain the same with a Regional Program?

- Local communities shall market the program and assist local businesses with applications
- Existing participating community RLF committees may remain in effect or may combine with another participating community
- The local loan committees shall be responsible for the review and approval or denial of loan applications up to amounts set by the SWED Board *under \$125,000* (majority of loans in Grant County)
- The local loan committee shall approve all amendments to existing loan terms and conditions after loans are closed.
- No loan shall be made without the approval of an authorized loan committee
- Notices and meetings shall be held in accordance with open meeting and records law

### **Pros and Cons of Revolving Loan Program**

#### Pros to participating

Increased flexibility in the use of the consolidated funds

Existing RLF program restrictions are becoming more difficult to assist local businesses

Reduced administrative burdens and streamlined process

Reduced liability at the local level – restrictions and reporting are becoming more complicated and require higher level qualifications to manage

Increased funding capacity- Existing Regional Loan programs have never run out of funding resources or cash on hand

Maintain local involvement and decision making for the majority of the loan applications

Consistency in the use of funds throughout the region – equal opportunity for business attraction

Continued access to future PF-CDBG (Public Facilities) funding requests – per WEDC representatives, non-participation in this CDBG-RLF program may result in denial of future PF-CDBG requests from those communities. In general, access to any WEDC funding programs for businesses and communities may be denied.

#### Cons to participating

New program will have a learning curve

Relinquishing oversight and control of the program to a regional group

Increase in administrative costs for managing the regional fund vs. local pool admin costs currently

#### **Timeline for Participating in the Revolving Loan Program**

There is no arbitrary deadline for participation.

However, at minimum a region can be defined as 3 RLF participating counties.

On March 8<sup>th</sup>, the steering committee received notice of any/all community participation agreements as of that date. If there are at least 3 participation agreements out of the 5 counties, those founding counties and communities will form the SWED organization, board, and policies.

Communities may join at any time in the future, however the guidelines, policies, administration, etc. may already be established by the founding participants.

Only those who have agreed to participate will have a representative seat on the board that has the ability to vote on the decisions moving forward.

The sooner the community makes a decision about participation, the more influence it has in setting the course and standards for the new organization and ultimately the regional loan programs.

Communities with CDBG funded RLFs that choose not to participate in the Consolidated Loan Fund shall not have access to the regional fund program.

From communications received so far, the non-participating communities would be allowed to continue operating their existing CDBG fund assets in compliance with the newly amended CDBG regulations.

Authorizing Resolution to Regionalize Revolving Loan Program:

**Resolution No. 26-12**

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PARTICIPATION OF THE COUNTY OF GRANT IN FORMING A  
SOUTHWEST WISCONSIN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) REGIONAL  
REVOLVING LOAN FUND.**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Wisconsin Department of Commerce (now WEDC) developed an initiative that seeks to consolidate the local CDBG Business Revolving Loan Funds that exist in Grant, Green, Richland, Iowa and Lafayette counties in Southwest Wisconsin into a regional loan fund; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed consolidation is in the County of Grant's economic interest as it will provide a more effective financing program that will remove existing federal regulations, open up the funds to more businesses and projects, streamline fund management, and relieve individual communities of administrative and legal responsibilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Grant has reviewed the Southwest Wisconsin Regional Revolving Loan Fund Initiative draft manual; has considered the advantages and disadvantages of participation; and recommends the County of Grant participation in forming a Southwest Wisconsin CDBG regional loan fund; and

**WHEREAS**, the Southwest Wisconsin Regional Fund will implement a regional strategy that encourages local governments to work together, streamlines the management of RLFs, and improves local capacity for economic development: and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Grant County Board of Supervisors agrees to participate with Grant, Green, Richland, Iowa and Lafayette to form a Southwest Wisconsin CDBG Regional Revolving Loan Fund.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Grant County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Grant County Board Chair to sign and execute all necessary documentation to complete said participation on behalf of the County of Grant.

/s/ Larry Wolf, Grant County Board Chair

/s/ Linda K. Gebhard, Grant County Clerk

**ATTEST:** I Linda K. Gebhard, Grant County Clerk, do certify that this resolution was adopted by the Grant County Board of Supervisors at a meeting held on March 19, 2013.

/s/ Linda K. Gebhard, Grant County Clerk

Discussion followed, Carol Beals, seconded by John Beinborn, made a motion to approve Grant County's participation in the consolidation for the local CDBG Business Revolving Loan Funds along with Green, Iowa, Lafayette and Richland County in Southwest Wisconsin to form a regional loan fund. Motion carried

Action on contract with Venture for feasibility studies for Administration Building and Jail and possible transfer of \$9,500 from the building (capital projects) account. Larry Wolf, Chair submitted the bid from Venture from Milwaukee, WI, regarding the feasibility study on the Administration Building and Jail to the Board. He feels that the county needs to go forward in this issue in order to put together a priority list for the County's needs. The County will be having some Courthouse projects coming up to deal with; we need to start thinking about a cost analysis priority plan that needs to be set up for the next 10 to 15 years for these building projects. There were two other companies that submitted bids for the study, IIW from Dubuque, IA and McGowan Architecture from New Glarus, WI. Larry stated that the Administration Committee and Executive Committee had recommended the bid from Venture be brought before the full County Board for approval, this bid was the cheapest of the three submitted. Venture speculated that they could have the study completed by the end of April 2013.

Carol Beals, seconded by Robert Scallon, made a motion to accept the bid from Venture Architects, Milwaukee, WI, to conduct the feasibility study on the Administration Building for a cost of \$4,500.00 and Grant County Jail for a cost of \$5,000.00. Motion carried.

Carol Beals, seconded by Lester Jantzen, made a motion to approve the transfer of \$9,500.00 from the building (Capital Projects) account to pay for the feasibility studies for the Administration Building and Jail. Motion carried.

Possible transfer of \$3,392 from the general fund (lapsed 2012 funds) to pay for LTE at UW-Extension: The Extension Office is requesting the use of up to \$3,392 from the general fund for an LTE to cover an employee leave. This is the amount that lapsed to the general fund from the UW-Extension budget for 2012, pending the audit. Patrick Schroeder, seconded by Vince Loeffelholz, made a motion to approve this transfer of funds. Motion carried.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Housing Regional Contract: Larry Wolf, Chair reported to the Board that the final step Grant County needs to act on was to sign the contract to state Grant County's affiliation in the CDBG Housing Regional with Crawford, Green, Iowa, Jackson, LaCrosse, Lafayette, Monroe, Richland, Trempealeau and Vernon Counties. Larry stated that LaCrosse County will be the lead county; they will receive 15% more for administration cost. This is HUD money that will be used for needs such as furnaces, ramps, septic work, etc. for low income families. Each County will receive \$165,000.00 for 2013, there are no guarantees this amount will stay the same each year. The Board will have one representative from each county and Coulee Valley will be the Administrator for this region.

Don Splinter, seconded by Carol Beals, made a motion to approve the signing of the contract for Grant County to be part of the Community Development Block Grant House Regional Contract. Motion carried with one nay vote by Grant Loy.

Resolution #25-12 Supporting Same Day Voter Registration: Grant County Clerk, Linda Gebhard presented this Resolution to the Board. It had been recommended by the Administrative Committee to come before the Board.

**RESOLUTION # 25-12**  
**SUPPORTING SAME DAY REGISTRATION**  
**TO THE GRANT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

**WHEREAS**, it is a self-evident truth that more, rather than less voter participation is intrinsically desirable in a democracy and that a healthy democracy requires a high level of public participation, and

**WHEREAS**, for more than a century the State of Wisconsin has cultivated a proud tradition favoring public participation in the electoral process, as demonstrated by the fact that Wisconsin's voter turnout was third in the nation in the last six general elections; and

**WHEREAS**, states with same day voter registration have significantly higher voter participation rates than states that do not, as evidenced by studies showing 7-14% greater turnout in states with same day registration; and

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin is one of the most politically active states in the union and its citizens consider it a civic duty to express our opinions at the ballot box and regard the right to vote as a sacred trust; and

**WHEREAS**, voter registration is required for every citizen who is a new voter, has moved, or has had a name change, and

**WHEREAS**, municipal clerks, many of whom are part-time, find that same day voter registration contributes to a more efficient voter registration system, and election inspectors do not find same day registration to be burdensome and take pride in seeing that every qualified elector's voice is heard at the ballot box; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Administrative Committee expresses its support for same day registration and recommends to the Grant County Board of Supervisors its support for same day voter registration; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, the President of the Wisconsin Senate, the Speaker of the Wisconsin Assembly, each legislator in the Wisconsin Senate and Assembly who represents constituents from Grant County, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and to all Wisconsin Counties.

**LEGAL NOTE:** Reviewed and approved as to form by Corporation Counsel. (lkg)

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013

Respectfully submitted by the  
Administrative Committee

/s/ Larry Wolf, Chair

/s/ John Patcle, Vice Chair

/s/ Mark Stead, Secretary

/s/ John Beinborn

/s/ Robert Scallon

/s/ Lester Jantzen

/s/ Vincent Loeffelholz

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Grant County Board of Supervisors expresses its support for same day voter registration, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, the President of the Wisconsin Senate, the Speaker of the Wisconsin Assembly, each legislator in the Wisconsin Senate and Assembly who represents constituents from Grant County, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and to all Wisconsin Counties.

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> Day of March, 2013

Respectfully submitted by the  
Grant County Board of Supervisors

/s/ Larry Wolf, County Board Chair

/s/ Linda K. Gebhard, County Clerk

**ATTEST:** I Linda K. Gebhard, Grant County Clerk, do certify that this resolution was adopted by the Grant County Board of Supervisors at a meeting held on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 2013.

/s/ Linda K. Gebhard, County Clerk

After some discussion, Carol Beals, seconded by Lester Jantzen, made a motion to approve the Resolution #25-12 to show Grant County's support for Same Day Registration. Motion carried with three nays, Robert Keeney, Dwight Nelson, Gary Ranum. *(Note: Gary Ranum's intent was to abstain from this vote; his objection was the wording of the resolution.)*

Zoning Amendments: John Beinborn, seconded by Vern Lewison, made a motion to dispense of the reading of the Zoning Amendment and the Comprehensive Change. Motion carried.

Zoning Amendment #476, Irma and John Wubben, Jamestown Township: Terry Loeffelholz, Sanitation Director presented the amendment to the Board. The amendment was approved by the Town of Jamestown and also by the Planning and Zoning Committee.

**476<sup>th</sup> AMENDMENT TO THE  
GRANT COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE  
February 22, 2013**

Irma & John Wubben

WHEREAS, a petition for map amendment was filed and a public hearing was held by the Grant County Planning and Zoning Committee, meeting the requirements of Chapter 59.69.

WHEREAS, a proof of publication and giving notice to Jamestown Township Clerk of such hearing is attached to this document.

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Committee now recommends to the Board of Supervisors of Grant County the adoption of this map amendment.

THEREFORE, the Grant County Board of Supervisors does ordain as follows. That the Zoning District Map for the Township of Jamestown will be amended to include the following described land as Agriculture A-2 (2.42ac) for a Single Family dwelling and Commercial C-2 (2.68 ac) for commercial.

Tract 1: Agriculture A-2

Part of the North one-half (N ½) of the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of Section 1, T1N R2W of Jamestown Township.

Commencing at the West one quarter corner of said Section 1;

Thence S86° 06' 18" E, 3847.84' on the East-West one quarter Section line to the Intersection of the centerline of County Road H and Jimtown Road, said point being the point of beginning;

Thence continuing S86° 06' 18" E, 440.00' on said East-West one-quarter Section line;

Thence S02° 30' 00" W, 240.00';

Thence N86° 06' 18" W, 440.00' to a point on the center line of Jimtown Road;

Thence N02° 30' 00" E, 240.00' on said centerline to the point of beginning.

Said tract containing 2.42ac, more or less, and is subject to easements of record and the right of way of County Rd H and Jimtown Road.

Tract 2: Commercial C-2

Part of the North one-half (N ½) of the Southeast quarter (SE ¼) of Section 1, T1N R2W of Jamestown Township.

Commencing at the West one-quarter corner of said Section 1;

Thence S86° 06' 18" E, 3847.84' on the East-West one-quarter Section line to the intersection of the Centerline of County Rd H and Jimtown Rd;

Thence S02° 30' 00" W, 240.00' on the centerline of Jimtown Rd, said point being the point of beginning.

Thence S86° 06' 18" W, 440.00';

Thence S02° 30' 00" W, 268.00';

Thence N86° 06' 18" W, 440.00' to a point in the centerline of Jimtown Road;

Thence N02° 30' 00" E, 268.00' on said centerline to the point of beginning.

Said tract contains 2.68ac, more or less, and is subject to easements of record and the right of way of Jimtown Road.

The undersigned hereby certify that the foregoing map amendment to the Grant County Zoning Ordinance was adopted on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 2013.

/s/ Larry Wolf, County Board Chairman

/s/ Linda Gebhard, County Clerk

**ATTEST:** I Linda K. Gebhard, Grant County Clerk, do certify that this resolution was adopted by the Grant County Board of Supervisors at a meeting held on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 2013.

/s/ Linda K. Gebhard, County Clerk

John Beinborn, seconded by Vince Loeffelholz, made a motion to approve Zoning Amendment #476 for Irma & John Wubben of Jamestown Township. Motion carried.

Comprehensive Plan Change, Lloyd Droessler – Paris Township, Steve Argall – Liberty Township:  
Terry Loeffelholz, Sanitation Director presented the Comprehensive Plan change to the Board. The change was approved by the Towns of Paris and Liberty and also approved by Planning and Zoning. *(11/8/12- A motion was made to approve the comprehensive plan for Argall & Droessler subject the approval of the Liberty Township board.)*

#### **Comprehensive Plan change**

**Lloyd Droessler-Paris-EAZ-A-2—17.90ac**

**Steve Argall –Liberty-EAZ-A-1--5.78ac**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Grant County Zoning & Sanitation will hold a public hearing on November 8, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as possible in the Grant County Board Room #264, 111 S. Jefferson St. Lancaster WI 53813 to hear comments on proposed changes to the Grant County's Comprehensive Plan. The proposed changes would allow the use of certain property in **Paris Township in Section 32 as Agriculture A-2; Liberty Township in Section 35 as Agriculture A-1**, and Lima Township in Section 24 Agriculture A-1 for a single family dwelling. The proposed ordinance incorporating any change in the plan, as well amendments to the comprehensive map as a result of said Ordinance are available for viewing at the Grant County Zoning office Room #141, 111 S. Jefferson St. Lancaster WI 53813. Please contact Terry Loeffelholz, the Grant County Zoning & Sanitation Administrator, 608-723-4394 with any questions or to make arrangements to view the proposed ordinance or map. Any and all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard at the public hearing.

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Submitted by: Terry Loeffelholz, Administrator  
Grant County Zoning & Sanitation

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/s/ Linda K. Gebhard, County Clerk

Lester Jantzen, seconded by Dale Hood, made a motion to approve the Comprehensive changes for Paris Township, Lloyd Droessler and Liberty Township for Steve Argall. Motion carried, with Patrick Schroeder abstaining from the vote.

Revise Hazard Mitigation Plan Approval: Steve Braun, Emergency Management presented this resolution to the Board. He is requiring no action today. Law Enforcement has reviewed the

plan and recommended that it come before the full County Board. However; because the plan contains many pages, Steve felt it best to distribute CD copies of the complete plan so the County Board Members had a chance to review it before making any decision, Steve will also publish it out on the County web site to view. (Hard copies could be supplied upon request). This Resolution will be brought back on the April County Board of Supervisor meeting for action.

Steve stated the changes made were to help reduce the County's vulnerability during an emergency event. With this plan in place it also opens more avenues for future grant money that may help the County in the future.

**Adoption of Updated All Hazards Mitigation Plan for Grant County**

**WHEREAS**, the United States Congress passed the Disaster Mitigation Plan Act of 2000 which establishes a new national pre-disaster mitigation program; and

**WHEREAS**, an adopted all hazards mitigation plan is required as a condition of future grant funding for mitigation projects; and

**WHEREAS**, Grant County participated jointly in the planning process with the other local units of government within the County to prepare an All Hazards Mitigation Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Grant County Board of Supervisors recognizes the threat that natural and manmade hazards pose to people and property;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Grant County hereby adopts the Grant County All Hazards Mitigation Plan (2013) as an official plan; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Grant County Department of Emergency Management will submit the adopted All Hazards Mitigation Plan to Wisconsin Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency for final review and approval.

Livestock Claim: John Patcle, seconded Grant Loy, made a motion to approve the dog claims of \$138.20 to the Lancaster Vet Clinic. Motion carried.

Grant County Board Chair compensation and requirements: Patrick Schroeder asked that this item be added to the agenda for the County Board Meeting. Larry Wolf, Chair stepped down from conducting the meeting and let John Beinborn, First Vice-Chair conduct the meeting at this point.

Patrick voiced some of his concerns regarding vacation time taken by the County Board Chair. He feels there needs to be more guidelines set for the County Board Chairs time off. He stated that this was not an effort to remove Larry as County Chair. He feels that an Elected Officials position is give and take; he was taught to give more than you take and he feels our current County Board Chair was taking more than he gives back to the County. He voice concerns of employees noting how much time is taken off by the County Board Chair. He stated that Larry took office in April and then took three weeks off in that year to go to Florida and then to State

Wrestling Tournaments. He had concerns as to how the County is being run when so much time is being taken off. He stated that in his business he could not take extended vacations/ Fridays, etc., or his business would suffer. He stated that we ask a lot of our employees; we continually ask them to do more for less. He feels that the board members and the County Board Chair should lead by example. He stated that yes Larry goes to meetings, but he is a full time employee on full benefits, the County Chair should be available for the taxpayers. He was under the understanding also that if you are a salaried employee you do not receive comp time.

Pat brought up some issues regarding overtime being used due to the Springbrook Software issues at the Highway, that he had been called by employees that the county could have given raises for the amount of money that has been spent on comp time for the Highway Software problems. In Pat's opinion he feels the Springbrook Software was a mistake. He is tired of people commenting how they are sick of government and they want less government; he brought up Robert Scallon's comment that the Grant County Board was worse then the State and Federal Government because we can't get along. He stated that he felt there were fewer issues with a 31 member board then with this 17 member board, no one can get along. Pat stated that he felt there were a lot of hard feelings among the members, that he used to call many of the board members friends but he would not like to say what he calls them today. He is afraid that some of the board members have sold themselves out and that is unfortunate. He stated that he receives calls and text messages from employees, they see how things are. He thinks it is sad that the employees can see what is going on, and in some cases; faster than what the County Board members are aware of. He stated that he was taught that majority rules; if the rest of the board votes to leave this issue the same, he will fall behind that decision and keep his mouth shut.

Roger Guthrie asked if there was a job description for a County Board Chair. John Beinborn stated this was available for all the members to have.

Larry Wolf wanted to make a correction on Pat's statements. He stated that he only was gone two weeks last fall not three. He stated that he does put in 45 – 50 hours a week and wonders if any other County Board Chair worked that many hours a week. Pat stated that apparently some of the employees do not agree with that.

Gary Ranum made a suggestion that maybe some guidelines could be written regarding vacation time for the chair. Todd Infield, Corporation Counsel, stated that we have to be careful in how we write any thing regarding the Chair position, because it is an elected position. There are differences with appointed verses elected; it is different from an elected official or the rest of the county board members and he would have to do some more research to feel comfortable in putting it in writing. Patrick Schroeder stated that he had called Attorney Andy Phillips regarding this issue; Andy quoted a State Statutes stating the County Board did have the right to designate time taken off for the Chair. Again Todd Infield reiterated that he would not feel comfortable going that route until he did some more research on the issue.

John Beinborn stated that he is offended by the blanket statement that some of the board members have sold out. The board members make their decision for a variety of reason and

you are questioning the integrity on a number of people in this room by stating those comments.

Carol Beals stated that it was time now for Mr. Schroeder to be quiet and let the rest of the board members have a chance to speak without interruption. She feels that some of Mr. Schroeder's comments are derogatory toward the remaining 16 members of the County Board. She is concerned by Patrick's comments regarding employees taking a watch dog kind of approach to when Larry is in his office. She hoped that they are also reporting when Larry is attending meetings. She feels it needs to be supported that a salaried employee should be entitled to take vacations. She stated that unless there are specific concerns by Patrick Schroeder that Larry is not accomplishing in his 45 – 50 hours a week then those need to be brought forward. She does not hear any options from Mr. Schroeder on how he would like to fix this issue. Carol stated that Patrick commented himself that the only reason he wanted to come back on the board was to be a thorn in Larry's side and unless he has something specific then she feels the only reason this issue keeps coming up is only to flash in the newspaper for public comment; she feels that is wrong. She stated that a majority of the board members do work together.

Vern Lewison stated he had served under many of the County Board Chairs and he felt Larry was doing a good job.

Dale Hood asked what the goal in bringing this up again was. John Beinborn stated that it had been requested to be added to the agenda for discussion.

Gary Ranum again brought up the possibility of designating vacation time taken. Todd Infield stated that he would want to do some more research before writing the terms down. The Executive Committee would have to make the changes in salary or job description for the County Board Chair position.

Carol Beals asked Todd Infield that if you start structuring the vacation time then that would lead into structuring of work hours, where would you stop. Todd Infield again stated he would not feel comfortable until he looked into the matter further.

Dwight Nelson wondered about using comp time. Todd Infield stated that was not an option for the County Board Chair position.

Patrick Schroeder, seconded by Robert Keeney, made a motion to send back to the Executive Committee the issue of the Grant County Board Chair compensation and requirements to determine their recommendations regarding these issues and bring back before the full County Board for a vote.

Lester Jantzen, seconded by Roger Guthrie made a motion to have a roll call vote taken. Motion carried.

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

**DATE:** March 19, 2013

**QUESTION:** Take County Board Chair Compensation and Requirements back to Executive Committee for a recommendation.

	YES	NO	ABSENT/ABSTAIN
1. GARY RANUM		X	
2. GRANT LOY	X		
3. ROBERT SCALLON		X	
4. ROBERT KEENEY	X		
5. ROGER GUTHRIE	X		
6. JOHN PATCLE	X		
7. VERN LEWISON		X	
8. PATRICK SCHROEDER	X		
9. LARRY WOLF			Abstained
10. MARK STEAD	X		
11. DALE HOOD		X	
12. DWIGHT NELSON	X		
13. CAROL BEALS		X	
14. LESTER JANTZEN		X	
15. JOHN BEINBORN		X	
16. DONALD SPLINTER		X	
17. VINCENT LOEFFELHOLZ		X	

County Clerk took a roll call vote resulting in 7 yes and 9 no, one abstaining. Therefore the motion failed.

John Beinborn turned the meeting back to Chair, Larry Wolf to continue the business.

Committee Reports:

Economic Development, John Beinborn—March 27, 2013 will be touring the Scott Industries in Muscoda, WI, continuing to work with the Burlington Railroad in Cassville, WI on future developments.

Executive Committee, John Beinborn—WPPA negotiations

Land and Water Conservation, Mark Stead –Nothing to report.

Fair, John Patcle—Continuing discussion and finalization on events for the 2013 fair, discussion on Summer Fest issues.

Highway—continuing work on the Platteville Shop.

COP, Roger Guthrie—Approved the Plan, can continue to go forward.

Orchard Manor, Robert Keeney—Business as normal, had evaluation on Donna Haines, Orchard Manor Director.

Law Enforcement, Robert Scallon—All good at this time, no out of county prisoners housed at this time which is keeping the costs down. Law Enforcement had a fatal

accident that had to be dealt with. Grants were approved by the County for law enforcement, jail doors are being made for future installation.

Railroad, Robert Scallon—Had a very productive meeting, there is money to complete future work. There is \$6 million available for work going on between Madison and Prairie du Chien will be placing over 2000 new ties.

Hidden Valley, Grant Loy— May 15, 2013 Annual Meeting will be held at the former Don Q Inn, Dodgeville, WI.

ADRC, Dale Hood—Gayle Mason, Director is retiring there will be a party on March 20, 2013 at the Youth and Ag Building in her honor, interviews will begin on Friday, March 22, 2013.

Health, Dwight Nelson – Gary Ranum was elected as the Secretary for the Health Committee, The Health Department Report was approved, had Jeff Kindrai evaluation all is going well, Jeff is doing a fine job. No March meeting; may change April meeting time.

Social Services, Carol Beals—Approved hiring of 2 replacement employees.

Sanitation/Zoning, Lester Jantzen—Approval of Zoning Amendment and Comprehensive Plan.

Veteran, Lester Jantzen—there is a retraining assistance program for 12 months for veterans 35 to 50 years of age, Secretary of Veterans affairs will be holding a listening session in UW Platteville.

Public Property/IT, Vince Loeffelholz—discussed new boiler for Courthouse, leaks in the basement of the Administration Building, discussed an accident with a Highway Truck. Jeff Anderson stated that Cyber attacks are a growing concern; IT will be attending training in LaCrosse, WI.

Public Comment: Jack Johnson, Chief Deputy Sheriff, reminded the County Board about the Sheriff Auction that would be held on Saturday, March 23, 2013 starting at 10:00a.m. Gary Bell auctioneer.

Adjournment: Mark Stead, seconded by Grant Loy, made a motion to adjourn the meeting pursuant to the next meeting on April 16, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. Motion carried with Carol Beals stating a nay vote.